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THE RELATION BETWEEF PLUMB-LINE DEFLECTION GRADIENTS, AND RADII OF CURVATURE OF A GEOID

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Summary: A method is given for deducing the formulas for studying the geoidal surface with the aid of gradients of the terrestrial gravitational field.

We shall write two equations serving to determine the component plumb line deflections or deviations in the main planes: a and y, coinciding respectively with the morldian and the primary vertical (normal):

$$\xi = \frac{T_x}{a}$$
, $\eta = -\frac{T_y}{a}$ (1)

where $T_x = \frac{dT}{dx}$ and $T_y = \frac{dT}{dy}$ are the first derivatives of the disturbing potential T and g is the force of gravity at the surface of the geoid.

With the aid of these two equations, we shall find the analytical relation between, the component plumb-line deflections ξ and η , the second $\frac{d^2T}{dy^2}$ and Txy = $\frac{d^2T}{dxdy}$ and the radius of curvature derivatives $T_{\Delta} = \frac{d^2T}{dx^2}$ k of the level surface of a geoid

W(x, y, z) = 0

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Differentiating (1), respectively with respect to x and y, we obtain

$$d = -\frac{1}{6} \underbrace{\sqrt{T}_{xx} + T_{xy} + g A} / dx,$$

$$d = -\frac{1}{6} \underbrace{\sqrt{T}_{yy} + T_{xy} + g A} / dy.$$
(2)

where A is the azimuth of the element of length dl = $\sqrt{dx^2 + dy}$ = $\frac{dx}{\cos A}$ = $\frac{dy}{\sin A}$

If the first equation of (2) is multiplied by sin A and the second equation by cos A, then after subtracting one equation from the other we obtain:

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$$d\eta \cos A = T_{xy}^{(i)} di$$
, (3)

where

$$T_{XY}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{2} T_{A} \sin 2A + T_{XY} \cos 2A, \qquad (4)$$

hence, after integration, we obtain Ectvos equation:

$$(\xi_2 - \xi_1) \sin A - (\eta_2 - \eta_1) \cos A = \frac{1}{6} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T_{xy}^{(4)} d1,$$
 (5)

which finds application in the study of geoidal surfaces.

III

After the equations of (2) are multiplied respectively by cos A and sin A, we add them term by term. As a result of a not inconsiderable number of transformations, we obtain:

dEcos A + an sin A =

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[T_{xx} \cos^2 A + T_{yy} \sin^2 A + RT_{xy} \sin A \cos A \right] d1, \tag{6}$$

honce, after integrating in the same interval as used previously, we obtain:

$$(\xi_2 - \xi_1) \cos A + (\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) \sin A =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{8} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T_{xx} \cos^2 A + T_{xy} \sin^2 A + 2T_{xy} \sin A \cos A / d1.$$
(7)

The equation just obtained above may be employed to determine the radius of curvature of a level surface of a geoid. Thus, it is sufficient to turn our attention to the nature of the integrand in function (7). It represents the negative quantity of the product of surface curvature $(-\frac{1}{2})$ multiplied by the

acceleration of the force of gravity (g), that is to say it equals (2):

$$-\frac{g}{g} = T_{XX} \cos^2 A + f_{yy} \sin^2 A + 2T_{xy} \sin A \cos A, \qquad (8)$$

Consequently, instead of (6), we have:

dF cos A+
$$\frac{dq}{dt}$$
 sin A= $\frac{1}{R}$.

which gives, in the planes of the meridian and of the primary vertical (normal), the equalities:

$$\frac{3E}{4} \frac{1}{R_{\rm M}} = \frac{2\gamma - 1}{2\Gamma R_{\rm N}} \tag{10}$$

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We note, for clarity, that $R_L \neq -$ and $R_N \neq N$ [2]. The expression (7) determines the deviation of the curvature of the good from the curvature of the surface of reference (deviation). Therefore, in order to obtain the complete curvature of a good, it is obviously necessary to calculate also the curvature of the surface, relative to which the geoidal surface is studied.

IV

We return again to the equations in (2) and we set $A=\infty + (A-\alpha)$, where α is the azimuth of the vector of plumb-line deflection $E = \sqrt{E+\eta}$. Hence, for the case A = 0, we obtain:

$$d\mathcal{E} = -\frac{1}{8} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} + T_{xy} ds \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty},$$

$$d\eta = -\frac{1}{8} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T_{yy} + T_{xy} ds \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy,$$
(11)

Hence, keeping in mind that:

we obtain:

$$T_{xx} + T_{xy} t_g \alpha = T_{yy} + T_{xy} t_g \alpha. \tag{12}$$

Consequently,

$$tg\alpha - ctg\alpha = \frac{T_{\Delta}}{T_{xy}}, \quad \frac{dE}{d\eta} = ctg\alpha.$$
 (13)

Setting:

$$tg\alpha - ctg\alpha = \frac{2}{tg 2\alpha}$$
 (14)

we obtain:

$$tg \ 2\alpha = \underbrace{2T \ xy}_{T_{\Delta}}$$
 (15)

Equation (15) determines of in the direction of the plumb-line deflection ϵ if T_Δ and T_{XV} are known.

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